

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A kit of parts, said kit of parts comprising:

at least one U-channel comprising a planar baseplate defining upper and lower broad surfaces, and having a predetermined length in a length direction, a width between first and second sides extending parallel to said length direction, said predetermined length being no greater than the distance between a bulkhead and a mission module between which said baseplate will be installed, said U-channel further comprising first and second planar mutually parallel walls, each having said predetermined length in said length direction, said first wall being attached to said first side of said baseplate with said length direction of said first wall parallel with said length direction of said baseplate, said first wall extending orthogonally above said upper side of said baseplate, said second wall being attached to said second side of said baseplate with said length direction of said second wall parallel with said length direction of said baseplate, said second wall extending orthogonally above said upper side of said baseplate, said first and second walls together with said baseplate defining a generally U-shaped channel defining a length in a direction parallel with said length direction, and also defining a channel

width, said baseplate further comprising at least a first slot in said upper surface of said baseplate, said first slot having a length extending parallel with said length direction, said first slot having at least a first predetermined width dimension;

a divider comprising a generally planar rectangular element defining a length dimension equal to said predetermined length dimension, a width dimension approximately equal to the width dimension of said first and second walls and a first thickness along at least a selected portion of the edges thereof which is no greater than said first predetermined width of said slot; and

a generally planar rectangular cover, said cover having a length dimension equal to said predetermined length, and a width dimension approximately equal to said channel width.

2. A kit of parts according to claim 1, wherein said baseplate further comprises at least a second slot in said upper surface of said baseplate, said second slot extending parallel with said length direction and with said first slot, said second slot having at least said first predetermined width dimension.

3. A kit of parts according to claim 2, further comprising a second divider comprising a generally planar rectangular element defining a length dimension equal to said predetermined length dimension, a width dimension

approximately equal to said width dimension of said first and second walls and a first thickness along at least a selected portion of the edges thereof which equals said first predetermined width of said slot.

4. A kit of parts according to claim 1, wherein said first divider comprises a monolithic flange adjacent said selected portion of said edge thereof.

5. A kit of parts according to claim 1, wherein said first slot of said baseplate comprises a first portion having said width, said first slot portion being adjacent to said upper surface of said baseplate and remote from said lower surface of said baseplate and also comprises a second slot portion having a second width  $T'$ , said second portion of said first slot being continuous with said first slot portion; and

said divider has a region having a second thickness, greater than said first thickness adjacent said selected edge, and has a region having said first thickness at a location adjacent said region having said second thickness and more remote from said selected edge of said divider.

6. A method for connecting utilities to from a bulkhead to a mission module mounted on a deck at a distance from a bulkhead, said method comprising the steps of:

procuring a kit of parts, said kit of parts comprising:

at least one U-channel comprising a planar baseplate defining upper and lower broad surfaces, and having a predetermined length in a length direction, a width between first and second sides extending parallel to said length direction, said predetermined length being no greater than the distance between a bulkhead and a mission module between which said baseplate will be installed, said U-channel further comprising first and second planar mutually parallel walls, each having said predetermined length in said length direction, said first wall being attached to said first side of said baseplate with said length direction of said first wall parallel with said length direction of said baseplate, said first wall extending orthogonally above said upper side of said baseplate, said second wall being attached to said second side of said baseplate with said length direction of said second wall parallel with said length direction of said baseplate, said second wall extending orthogonally above said upper side of said baseplate, said first and second walls together with said baseplate defining a generally U-shaped channel defining a length in a direction parallel with said length direction, and also defining a channel width, said baseplate further comprising at least a first slot in said upper surface of said baseplate, said first slot having a length extending parallel with said length direction, said first slot having at least a first predetermined width

dimension;

a divider comprising a generally planar rectangular element defining a length dimension equal to said predetermined length dimension, a width dimension approximately equal to the width dimension of said first and second walls and a first thickness along at least a selected portion of the edges thereof which is no greater than said first predetermined width of said slot; and

a generally planar rectangular cover, said cover having a length dimension equal to said predetermined length, and a width dimension approximately equal to said channel width;

placing said selected portion of said divider in said first slot;

mounting said baseplate on said deck, with said lower broad surface adjacent said deck, at a location lying between said bulkhead and said mission module, with said length dimension of said baseplate lying parallel to a line connecting said bulkhead to said mission module, to thereby divide said generally U-shaped channel into plural sections;

extending a utility connection through one of said plural sections from a location on said bulkhead to a location on said mission module; and

placing said cover over said generally U-shaped channel.

7. A method according to claim 6, wherein said

step of placing said selected portion of said first divider in said first slot is performed after said step of mounting said baseplate on said deck.